

WORK SESSION MEETING

JULY 25th, 2017

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 at 3:00PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Proper notice was given.

Call to Order

Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

Members Present

Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Donnie Griffin, Alfred Carpenter, Kay McCathen, Joe Will and Howard Jones were all present. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, and department heads. Visiting guest included Brian Newman and Greg Lambert of McGill Associates. Council member Dan Boling was absent.

McGill Associates Presentation

Brian Newman and Greg Lambert, McGill Associates along with City Staff, gave an overview of the proposed park branding and theme. McGill Associates explained that the purpose of this meeting was to present Council with an overview of the branding plans and seek Council approval. All representatives led the discussion and described the park uses, themed core values, and Park branding.

By consensus, Council approved the branding plans submitted by McGill Associates.

Department Head Reports

Department Heads gave reports on their department status. Light discussion was held.

Ordinance Repealing Speed Limit (NCDOT)

City Manager, James Inman informed Council that a mix up regarding the speed limit on parts of S. 14th Street and Crowders Mountain Road had been discovered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). The NCDOT recommends that Council change the ordinance to reflect the posted speed limit, therefore rescinding the 40 MPH speed limit to 35 MPH.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the Ordinance rescinding the speed limit was approved.

National Night Out- Request Temporary Road Closure

City Manager, James Inman informed Council that the Police Department will be hosting their inaugural National Night Out in Centennial Park downtown. Mr. Inman requested that the 100 Block of West Virginia Avenue be closed during the event from 6:00PM-8:00PM.

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, the temporary road closure was approved.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Inman addressed City Council about the America's Best Inn located at 1207 Edgewood Road. Mr. Inman informed Council that the grant source the City planned on applying

for is no longer available. The grant stated that the City had to own the property in question. Mr. Inman further stated that the abatement process has begun and he will provide more information as it becomes available.

Discussion about Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for general discussion regarding the Public Comment period. Light discussion was held.

By consensus, Council approved the following Public Comment period procedure beginning January 2018:

- All citizens wishing to speak during a regular meeting will sign in prior to the call of order for said meeting
- Each speaker will be allotted 3 minutes

City Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member Donnie Griffin inquired about the status of City property near the old water tower. Mr. Inman provided him with the status of the property and the City's future use of the house on the property.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, Deputy City Clerk